Joint meeting on Gas Pipeline Project

273. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a tripartite meeting of the three Joint Working Group of Iran, Pakistan and India has been held with regard to the feasibility of the Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof indicating the precise alignment and the cost thereof; and

(c) ihe steps taken and being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise, in view of reply to (a) above.

Development of Gopalpur beach in Orissa

274 MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourism has picked up on the Gopalpur beach in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Centre has approved Rs. 9 crores for development of tourist spots in this area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the future action plan of the Centre to further develop this sector to improve the economy of this backward region?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) A large number of domestic and foreign tourist visit Gopalpur beach in Orissa.